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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7460

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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SUBJ: ARAB TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION MEETING IN
TUNIS

1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS CONFIRMED
TO EMBOFF THAT SUBJECT MEETING TO OPEN IN TUNIS
NOV 21 BUT WAS UNABLE OR UNWILLING PROVIDE ADDI-
TIONAL INFORMATION AS TO WHERE MEETING WILL BE
HELD, HOW LONG IT MAY LAST, SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED,
AND EXPECTED PARTICIPATION BY ATU MEMBERS AND
OBSERVERS.
2. REPRESENTATIVE FROM BRITISH MARCONI COMPANY,
WHICH IS APPARENTLY FOURTH GROUP TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL
REGARDING SATELLITE AND GROUND STATIONS IN JOINT
VENTURE WITH US PHILCO/FORD, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT
HE HAS ALSO BEEN UNABLE OBTAININFORMATION AS TO LOCALE OF MEETING
ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT HIS COMPANY AND
OTHER COMMERCIAL FIRMS COULD ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. HE SAID
ARAB OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PROJECT HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY
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CLOSE-MOUTHED AND, TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF MANY

COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTLY IN TUNIS INTERESTED
IN THIS POTENTIAL \$600 MILLION PROJECT HAVE BEEN ABLE
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION.

3. PLEASE IDENTIFY REPRESENTATIVE OF INTELSAT WHO
MAY BE IN TUNIS TO ATTEND MEETING IN OBSERVER STATUS AS
INDICATED PARA 3 GENEVA 6889. EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE
OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ATU CONFERENCE BY
COORDINATING WITH HIM.
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